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1. PARA 2 REFTTEL SUGGESTS THAT G-77 STATEMENT CAN BE REMOVED AS DIVISIVE ISSUE DURING APRIL MEETING BY COMMITTEE RECOGNIZING STATEMENT AS EXPRESSION OF G-77 VIEWS FOR STUDY BY GOVERNMENTS. PRESUMABLY REPORT OF COMMITTEE WOULD CONTAIN LANGUAGE TO THAT EFFECT. THIS HANDLING OF G-77 PAPER WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FROM USG POINT OF VIEW, THOUGH WE DOUBT LDC'S WILL GO ALONG. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ASK G-77 TO UPDATE THEIR STATEMENT IF PURPOSE IS TO BURY IT.

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2. ALTERNATIVE APPROACH WOULD BE FOR SECRETARIAT TO SEEK ADVANCE G-77 AGREEMENT TO MODIFICATION OF AGENDA TO AVOID FRUITLESS DISCUSSION ON OUTDATED STATEMENT. SECRETARIAT COULD ARRANGE FOR SUGGESTION AT OPENING SESSION THAT COMMITTEE AGREE TO TAKE UP SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF G-77 PAPER UNDER AGENDA ITEMS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS. THIS APPROACH WOULD LEAVE NEW GRAINS AGREEMENT AND RESERVES AS

ONLY G-77 POLICY ISSUE NOT DISCUSSED UNDER SEPARATE ITEM.

AGENDA ITEM 5 COULD THEN BE DEVOTED TO CONSIDERATION OF ,RO-
GRESS ON NEGOTIATION OF GRAINS AGREEMENT AND RESERVES
SYSTEM, NOT PRESENTLY ON THE AGENDA. THIS TOPIC SEEMS
APPROPRIATE SINCE OBSERVERS FROM IWC AND GATT WILL BE
REQUESTED TO REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THOSE FORUMS.

3. REGARDING LEEKS INQUIRY ON 17-18 PERCENT MINIMUM
STOCKS TARGET, US DOES NOT PLAN TO ENDORSE THIS PROPOSAL
AS A RELEVANT BENCHMARK FOR WORLD CEREAL SUPPLIES, BUT
WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION ON THE
SUBJECT.

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